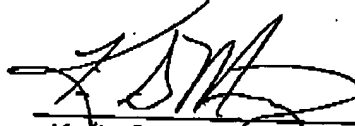


REMARKS

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for considering the present application. In the Office Action dated May 20, 2005, claims 1-40 are pending in the application. The Examiner restricts the claims to two groups, namely, Group I to claims 1-28 and Group II to claims 29-40. The Examiner states that the product can be used in a materially different process. However, Applicants have reviewed claim 1, which is a method claim, and claim 28, which is a claim to a satellite. Claim 29 specifically recites that the controller is programmed to perform various numbers of steps. These steps correspond very similarly to those set forth in claim 1. Likewise, claim 36 is directed also to a satellite and contains similar steps. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that any thorough search of a method for operating a satellite would include the satellite itself. Because of the similarities of Groups I and II, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to examine both groups together. Applicants provisionally elects to proceed with Group I.

In light of the above remarks, Applicants submit that all rejections are now overcome. The application is now in condition for allowance and expeditious notice thereof is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments which would place the application in better condition for allowance, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney. Please charge any fees required in the filing of this amendment to Deposit Account No. 50-0476.

Respectfully submitted,



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